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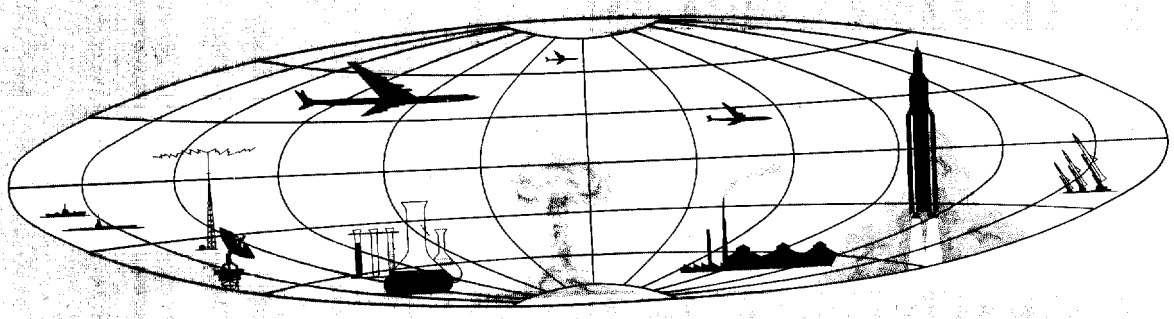

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3496, DATED 17 MARCH 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER.

-MISSILES-

25X1A [redacted]

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE 2205N 08409W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 3 CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITIONS, AND A CANVAS-COVERED REVETTED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

LA COLOMA SAM SITE 2218N 08332W

SIX REVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED. POOR IMAGE QUALITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MARIEL SAM SITE 2300N 08249W

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, REVETTED OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA, AND CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

HAVANA SAM SITE 2309N 08213W

FOUR CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCH POSITIONS, CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA, AND CANVAS-COVERED HOLD POSITION VISIBLE.

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25X1A

SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W [redacted]

SITE CONTAINS 6 REVETTED LAUNCHERS, AT LEAST ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

CAIBARIEN SAM SITE 2228N 07929W [redacted]

SITE CONTAINS 6 LAUNCHERS (5 CANVAS-COVERED), 8 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND CANVAS-COVERED GUIDANCE RADAR.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

MANZANILLO SAM SITE 2018N 07706W [redacted]

SIX CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 6 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

MANATI SAM SITE 2113N 07702W [redacted]

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVETTED LAUNCHERS, 7 PROBABLE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

DELEITE SAM SITE 2259N 08045W [redacted]

FOUR LAUNCHERS, ONE CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTER, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted]

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM SITE 2142N 07850W

SITE CONTAINS 6 UNREVETTED CANVAS-COVERED LAUNCHERS, 7 CANVAS-COVERED MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AND OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

PINAR DEL RIO SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2221N 08339W

TWENTY MISSILE TRANSPORTERS AND SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CIEGO DE AVILA SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2152N 07844W

APPROXIMATELY 50 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

NO MISSILE EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS. APPROXIMATELY 15 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

-AIRFIELDS-

25X1A [redacted]

SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 3 FARMER, 20 FAGOT/FRESCO, 11 B-26, 3 T-6, 40 FISHBED, AND 6 UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD 2206N 08409W

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 3 BRITANNIA, 2 CRATE, ONE CRATE FUSELAGE, ONE LODESTAR, AND 2 LIAISON-TYPE.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- 3 CAB, 2 COLT, ONE PBY, 3 COACH/CRATE, ONE HARE, AND 46 LIAISON/TRAINER AIRCRAFT.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.
FIFTY VEHICLES OBSERVED AT EAST END OF RUNWAY.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- 45 HOUND, ONE C-47, 3 HARE, AND 2 BELL HELICOPTERS.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

BAYAMO EAST AIRFIELD 2023N 07638W [redacted]

AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted]

PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD 2225N 08341W

AIRCRAFT -- 2 LIAISON-TYPE AIRCRAFT.

25X1D [redacted]

-PORTS-

25X1A [redacted]

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, 2 PF, AND ONE PC.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

MANZANILLO PORT 2021N 07707W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

NUEVITAS PORT 2132N 07716W

ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AND ONE KRASNOGRAD-CLASS FREIGHTER DOCKED AT NW PIER (ONE HATCH OPEN, BOOM ACTIVE).

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

LA ISABELA PORT 2256N 08001W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted]

CAIBARIEN PORT 2232N 07928W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

SANTA LUCIA PORT 2240N 08358W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED. OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 16 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 14 COASTAL FREIGHTERS, ONE LARGE TANKER, AND 4 PT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

LA COLOMA PORT 2214N 08334W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted]

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT VISIBLE IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D [redacted]

-ELECTRONICS-

25X1A [redacted]

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2300N 08226W

NINETEEN VANS AND 8 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A [redacted]

MANZANILLO AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2017N 07706W

NINETEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 23 TRUCKS (10 TOWING FA PIECES) OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

PINAR DEL RIO, MILITARY CAMP 2223N 08342W

CAMP CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 50 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.
SIX POSSIBLE VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

THE FOLLOWING WERE OBSERVED -- 13 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 39 TANKS/SP GUNS, 2 UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES, 5 PROBABLE FROG MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, 10 FA PIECES, 161 CARGO TRUCKS,

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APPROXIMATELY 15 UTILITY TRUCKS, APPROXIMATELY 55 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 3 CARGO TRAILERS, 53 EIGHT-WHEELED APC, AND 5 PROBABLE LOWBOY TRAILERS.
THE 6-GUN AND 9-GUN AAA SITES REMAIN OCCUPIED.
APPROXIMATELY 100 TO 150 PERSONNEL/TROOPS OBSERVED IN AND AROUND BARRACKS AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

APPROXIMATELY 25 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A [redacted]

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

REFORMATORY PROPER -- 25 LARGE, 13 MEDIUM, AND 6 SMALL TENTS, 4 CARGO TRUCKS, 7 VAN TRUCKS, AND 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK AND BILLETING AREA .3 NM SOUTH -- 10 LARGE, 19 MEDIUM, AND ONE SMALL TENT, 101 CARGO TRUCKS, 22 UTILITY TRUCKS, 77 VAN TRUCKS, 6 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 18 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 24 CARGO TRAILERS.
MOTOR PARK .7 NM SSW -- ONE MEDIUM AND 5 SMALL TENTS, 25 CARGO TRUCKS, 7 UTILITY TRUCKS, 63 VAN TRUCKS, 3 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 15 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, 10 CARGO TRAILERS, AND 5 VAN TRAILERS.
MOTOR PARK .9 NM SE -- 48 CARGO TRUCKS, 4 UTILITY TRUCKS, 9 VAN TRUCKS, 118 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES, AND 5 CARGO TRAILERS.
AAA POSITION 1.5 NM SSE -- ONE POL TRUCK, 15 CARGO TRUCKS, 10 TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, 4 CARGO TRAILERS, AND 2 LARGE, ONE MEDIUM, AND 2 SMALL TENTS. THE 6-GUN AAA SITE IS NOW OCCUPIED.
BILLETING AREA 1.9 NM SOUTH -- 12 LARGE, 6 MEDIUM, AND 12 SMALL TENTS, 20 CARGO TRUCKS, 7 UTILITY TRUCKS, AND APPROXIMATELY 60 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.
MOTOR PARK 1.2 NM SW -- 14 TANKS/SP GUNS, 20 CARGO TRUCKS, AND 7 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

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MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W [redacted]

APPROXIMATELY 30 LOWBOY TRAILERS WITH PRIME MOVERS AND APPROXIMATELY 300 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W [redacted]

WESTERN AREA -- 30 FA PIECES (AT LEAST 12 TOWED BY PRIME-MOVERS) AND APPROXIMATELY 6 ADDITIONAL PRIME-MOVERS OBSERVED.
EASTERN AREA -- 15 TRUCKS (5 TOWING FA PIECES).

25X1D [redacted]

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

25X1A

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W [redacted]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN STORAGE FACILITIES.
SEVEN VAN-TYPE TRUCKS AND APPROXIMATELY 40 OTHER VEHICLES ARE VISIBLE IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D [redacted]

25X1A

25X1D [redacted]

25X1D [redacted]

-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO CHANGE SINCE LAST COVERAGE --

25X1A

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1	2240N 08317W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 3	2242N 08308W
GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1	2257N 08239W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W

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GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2	2257N 08236W	[redacted]
SENADO SAM SITE	2136N 07733W	
DELEITE ALTERNATE SAM SITE	2301N 08044W	
GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2300N 08250W	
CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD	2307N 08117W	
[redacted]		
CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2256N 08252W	
HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA	2301N 08226W	
MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE	2228N 08347W	
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W	
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W	
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W	
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W	
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W	
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W	
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W	
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W	
MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE	2258N 08218W	
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W	
[redacted]		

25X1D

5X1D

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED --

25X1A

REMEDIOS IRBM SITE	2225N 07935W	[redacted]
SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE	2241N 08355W	
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2257N 08221W	
VICTORIA DE LAS TUNAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA	2104N 07700W	
BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08311W	
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2227N 07934W	
SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2258N 08220W	
SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2255N 08210W	
HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08218W	

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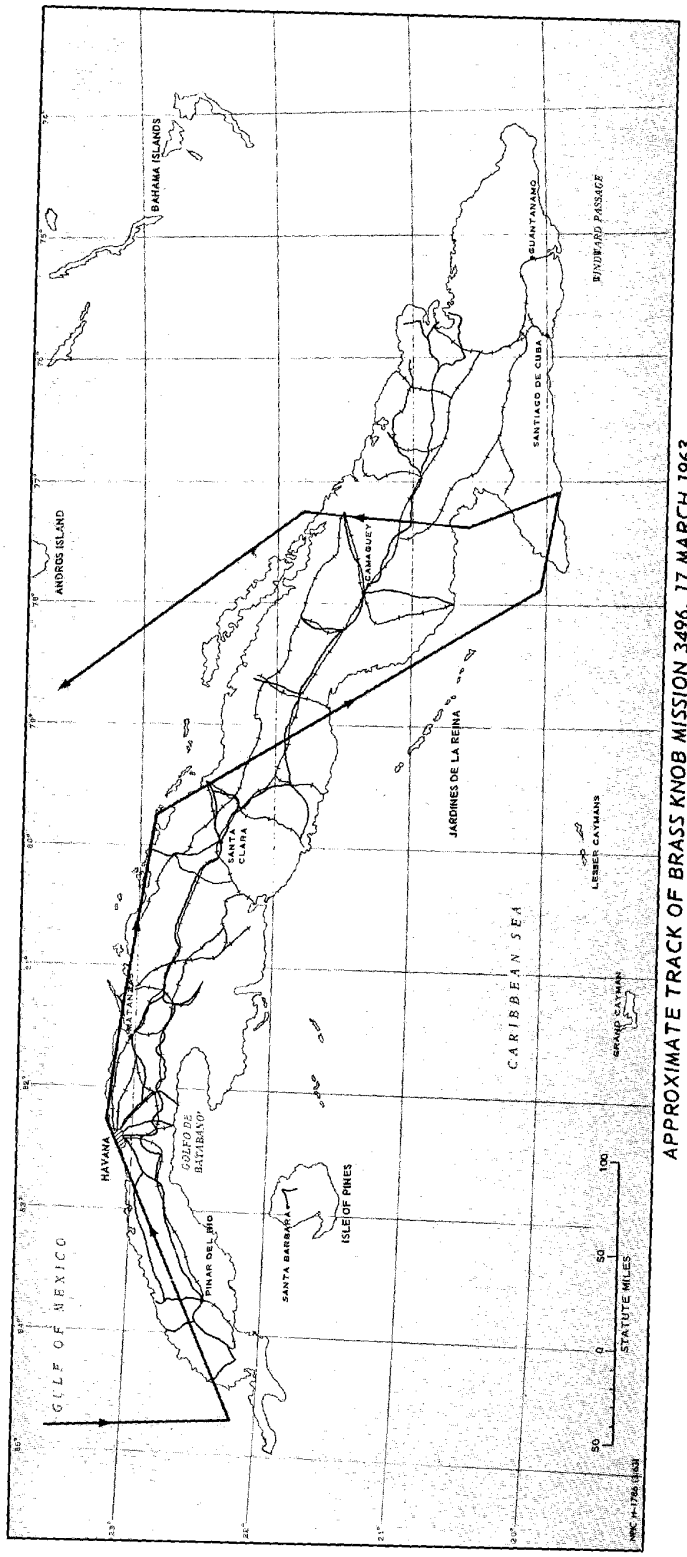

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